

## Ordnance & Explosives Project Plan

### 1. SITE NAME: Erie Army Depot (Toussaint River), Ohio

Project Type: Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)

Location:

City: Carrol Township

County: Ottawa

State: Ohio

Project Number: G050H002706

Project Category: Ordnance & Explosives (OE) - Site Investigation

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3 SITE DESCRIPTION: Erie Army Depot was utilized by the War Department for testing and proof firing of Army artillery. After World War I, the installation was used as a storage and issue point for OE. In 1981, this facility was established as Camp Perry Proving Grounds, later it was designated as the Erie Proving Grounds, and finally designated as the Erie Army Depot. While in operation, 50 caliber small arms ammunition to 240mm artillery projectiles including mortar rounds and 3.5 inch rockets were fired during the artillery proof testing mission at this facility. Camp Perry, performed OE exercises in the Lake Erie target area overlapping with the former depot's proof firing. Also, in the former depot area is the Toussaint Gun Club and ARES, Inc.

4. PREVIOUS SITE ACTIVITIES: An Archive Search Report (ASR) was completed in August 1993 by the Rock Island District. In 1992-1993, an interim removal action was conducted along the beach area, including the Toussaint River and its entrance into Lake Erie. In 1994 a site investigation was terminated due to lack of rights-of-entry. In 1995, dredging of ordnance contaminated sediment in the river bottom was conducted at the Toussaint River dredging project. In April and August 1999, a CEHNC Safety Specialist visited the site to respond to an emergency report of OE items on the beach. In August 1999, the dredging of the Toussaint River was started. A HNC Safety Specialist provided OE oversight of the dredging operation. During the August site visit, the OE specialist also conducted an assessment of the OE hazard in the project vicinity.

5. CURRENT STATUS: A draft risk assessment and historical summary was completed in October 1999 and forwarded for review. The dredging costs analysis has been started by WES.

6. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The level of detail for the historical summary has been discussed between the project manager, Buffalo District Commander and the Congressional representations regarding the required information in the historical summary prepared by Rock Island District.

7. PROJECT SCHEDULE/MILESTONES: For Official Use Only

8. FUNDING (\$ 000.0): For Official Use Only

9. CONTRACTING STRATEGY

The historical research will be performed by the Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers. The dredging cost estimating will be performed by the Waterways Experiment Station. The remaining work will be performed by Huntsville in-house labor.

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